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# The Elba Clipper

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During monthly board meeting held last week

## Superintendent says Elba Schools start year with enrollment increase

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board received an attendance update Tuesday, Aug. 21, at its monthly meeting, and the news was positive.

According to Superintendent Chris Moseley, total enrollment is up 45 from the same period last year. The increase is evident in both the elementary and the high school numbers.

The elementary school has an enrollment of 313, compared to 285 last year while the high school enrollment is up to 298 from 281 last year.

Local enrollment had been gradually dropping for a number of years. That is coupled with the larger reduction in students following each several seasons of homeowners being flooded out by heavy rains and overflowing streams.

The board set September 13<sup>th</sup> as the date for public reviews of the school budget for the coming fiscal year.

Moseley announced the school is expecting an accreditation review in January of 2019. He also updated board members on the 3-year lease agreement with Head Start and with OCAP.



Main Street Alabama presented the Alabama Community Award to Ben E. Keith Foods of Elba last week during the Main Street Alabama Awards of Excellence program. Ben E. Keith Foods [Kelleys Foods] was recognized for its dedication, community service, and outstanding work to support Main Street Elba. Those pictured above include (from left): Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock; Main Street Elba executive director Sandy Bynum; Scott Davison, general manager of the Elba facility of Ben E. Keith; Rhett McCollough, of Ben E. Keith Foods, Elba facility; and Elba First Lady Liz Murdock.

## Elba brings home two Main Street Alabama awards

Main Street Alabama celebrated local program successes Thursday, Aug. 23, at the fifth annual Awards of Excellence on the day that Governor Kay Ivey proclaimed Main Street Alabama Day.

The day recognizes the efforts of the organization that is focused on creating jobs and keeping character in communities across the state. During the Awards of Excellence program, Main Street Alabama's President and State Coordinator, Mary Helmer, honored 33 projects that made tremendous impacts in their respective communities. Alabama Municipal Electric Authority sponsored the event that was held at Lake Point State Park in Eufaula, Ala.

"It's an honor to recognize these outstanding community projects, leaders and volunteers," said Helmer. "Today's award winners represent the most innovative downtown revitalization projects in our Main Street Alabama communities. These projects are truly charting new territory in downtown revitalization in Alabama. The effort and leadership it takes to move these projects from concept through completion is tremendous and we are thrilled to acknowledge such achievements. We are especially honored to be presenting these awards the day Governor Ivey proclaimed Main Street Alabama Day."

Elba, a Designated Alabama City and a Nationally Accredited Main Street Program, brought home two top honors at this year's Main Street Alabama Awards of Excellence Dinner.

• Alabama Community Award – Ben E. Keith Foods was recognized for their dedication, community service, and outstanding work to support Main Street Elba.

• Excellence in Business Development – The



Main Street Alabama presented the Excellence in Business Development award to The Rabbit Hole of Elba. This award recognizes outstanding efforts to improve the downtown business climate. Those pictured above include (from left): Rory Vignola, Mike Moseley and Debbie Jared, representing The Rabbit Hole; and Sandy Bynum, Liz Murdock and Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock, representing Main Street Elba.

Rabbit Hole to recognize outstanding efforts to improve the downtown business climate.

"This year's winners are a testament to their dedication to growing Elba," said Sandy Bynum, director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce and Main Street. "Thanks to dedicated leadership, community spirit, and commitment to

development, these two Chamber and Main Street member businesses have brought renewed vibrancy and statewide recognition to Elba. It's truly inspiring."

The Awards of Excellence Banquet is a highlight of the aLAAlabama

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## Coffee County District Attorney elected president of Alabama DA Association

The Alabama District

Attorneys Association will continue to work on behalf of the victims of crime

while seeking fairness and justice through the Alabama court system, says new ADAA President Tom Anderson of Enterprise.

Anderson was elected president for 2018-19 at the ADAA's summer meeting and training conference. Other officers chosen are Jill Lee of Columbiana, vice president, and Chris Connolly of Florence, secretary-treasurer.

Brian McVeigh of Anniston is immediate past president, and Mike O'Dell

of Fort Payne is the state association's representative to the National District Attorneys Association.

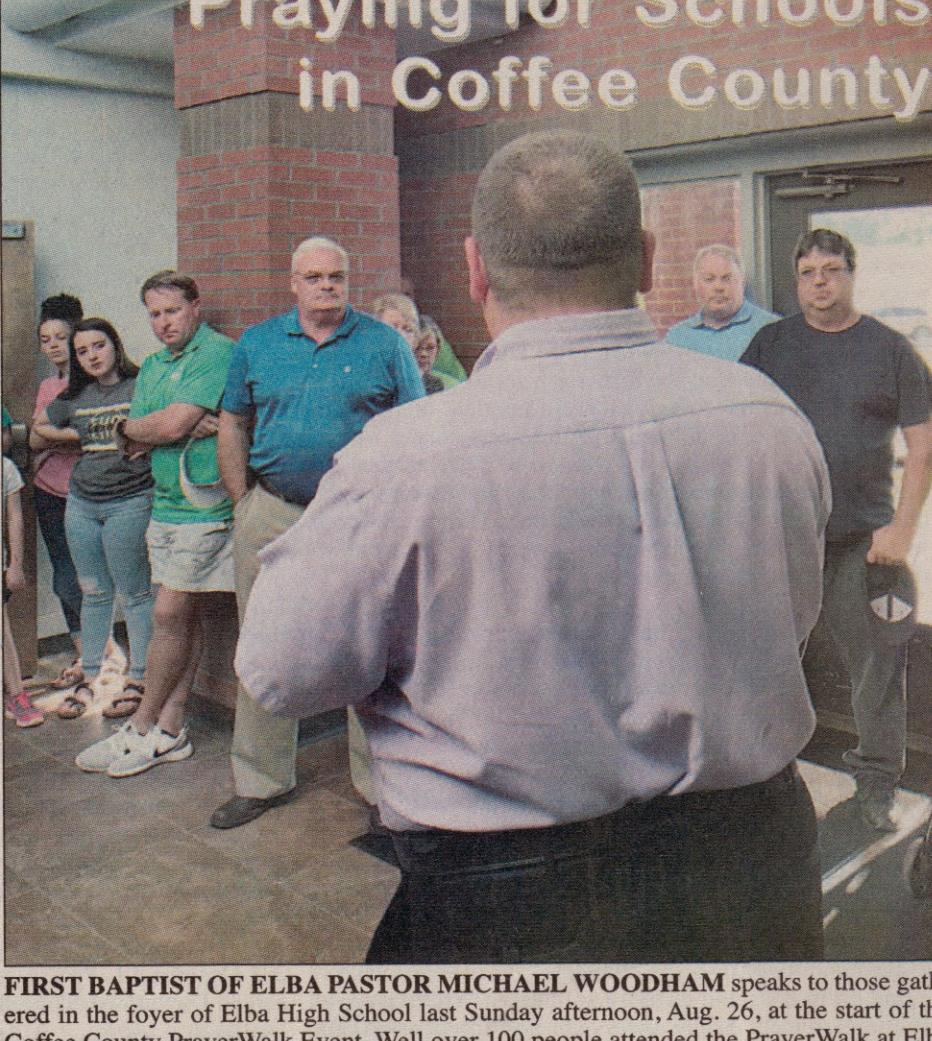
"It is an absolute honor to have the support of my fellow district attorneys and to help lead this body for the next year," Anderson said. "We have a lot we hope to accomplish legislatively and

many goals for ourselves to improve our ability to do what we do effectively.

"We are a group of hard-working, caring prosecutors who work for victims and our respective communi-



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FIRST BAPTIST OF ELBA PASTOR MICHAEL WOODHAM speaks to those gathered in the foyer of Elba High School last Sunday afternoon, Aug. 26, at the start of the Coffee County PrayerWalk Event. Well over 100 people attended the PrayerWalk at Elba City School - both the elementary and high school. Woodham encouraged those at the high school to pray for God to provide an opportunity for the students to know Jesus through Elba City Schools. He said once the Lord transforms a life, He can transform a family, Elba City School, and He can transform Elba, Alabama. Elba High School principal Wynn Grimes also was in attendance as was Elba Elementary School principal Deborah Strickland to welcome everyone to the schools. Grimes thanked those at Elba High School for their prayers. He said it means a lot to everyone involved with the school system, and they certainly can use those prayers every day. Scenes like the one above could be found all over Coffee County last Sunday afternoon at all schools. A few more pictures from the Prayer Walk event, which is sponsored each year by the Coffee County Baptist WMU, can be found on Page 5 of today's paper.

## Elba High School students looking for interview volunteers for oral Bicentennial project on floods

Alabama is turning 200 years old, and Elba High School has been named a Bicentennial School. Help Elba High School celebrate by participating in the school's Bicentennial project!

Elba High School students will conduct oral interviews of Elba residents and natives who survived the numerous floods in

Elba's history. After interviews are conducted, the students will put together a presentation of interviews to present before the school on a designated day.

The project plan also is to possibly have some interviewees as guest speakers the day of the presentation.

The students involved in the project and their

extracurricular organizations will then host a formal community banquet to showcase the same presentation for the community. Tickets will be sold to attend the community banquet, and funds raised through this event will help fund a small monument to be placed at the school to showcase the Alabama Bicentennial Schools 2018-2019 project.

Student organizations will sponsor and serve tables of adults at the event as well as introduce guest speakers and present their oral history presentations.

"This project is important to our school and community because it showcases our motto that 'Elba is Able,'" said project coordinator and Elba High history teacher Anna Marie Moore. "The ability to overcome numerous floods, including one that resulted in relocation and rebuilding of a new school, proves strength and determination."

Moore said many of today's students lived through the most recent 2015 Christmas flood where homes and belongings were lost; however, they do not have a clear understanding of the previous floods when the levee did not hold and water

## No Coffee County residential garbage collection on Labor Day

During the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday, Aug. 27, it was noted there would be no residential garbage pickup on Monday, Sept. 3, due to the Labor Day holiday. Coffee County Solid Waste officials said Monday's route would be picked up on Tuesday. They said all garbage residential garbage pickup for the week would be one day behind the regular schedule due to the holiday.

## Area Happenings

AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS will be in action Friday night, Oct. 31st. The Elba Tigers will travel to Opp, the Brantley Bulldogs will host the New Brockton Gamecocks, the Zion Chapel Rebels will travel to Red Level, and the Kinston Bulldogs will host Samson. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. for these games.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Monday, Sept. 3, 2018, in observance of Labor Day. The garbage truck will run its regular schedule. There will be standby crews for any utility emergencies. To report a utility emergency, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555. As always, to report a life-threatening emergency, call 911.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WILL CELEBRATE HOMECOMING Friday, Sept. 21st. The theme is "Home Sweet Homecoming: Elba Traditions!" There will be a Pep Rally/Bonfire Thursday evening [Sept. 20] at 7 p.m. The Homecoming Queen Coronation will be held Friday at 9 a.m. followed by a pep rally in the Elba High School stadium. EHS will honor the Class of 1988 with a tea Friday at 1 p.m. in the Family and Consumer Science Department. The parade line up will begin at 1:30 with the parade promptly beginning at 3 p.m. Parade entries may be entered by contacting Brenda Boutwell at Elba High School [897-2266]. The Homecoming Court will be presented Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by the football game with Flora at 7 p.m.

## NOTICE:

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. All Advertising and News will be due to the office before Noon on Tuesday, Sept. 4, for that week's edition of the newspaper.

## EDITORIAL

### BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*"Our shared values define us more than our differences. And acknowledging those shared values can see us through our challenges today if we have the wisdom to trust in them again"* – Senator John McCain

Football is in the air . . . Alabama on top of the preseason polls in the college ranks – again. Hard core football fans from back in the 1960's already liked the Green Bay Packer's coach Vince Lombardi, he was tough and his teams won. Then after the Packers won the 1967 National Football Championship, someone, probably an enterprising young reporter who couldn't think of any other question, asked him how it felt to have the best football team in the world. Vince said, "I don't know. We haven't played Alabama." Every Alabama fan in the world lovingly included the NFL championship coach in their daily prayers for several months after that exchange – in the same breath with their regular prayer thanking God for Bear Bryant.

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) has officially opposed an Alabama Medicaid Agency plan to impose work requirements on (some) Medicaid recipients. Their position is that it is illegal to impose such requirements. Well, illegal is hard for us to grasp. True, many folks on Medicaid simply can't work, for various reasons, and helping them is the American, and Christian, thing to do. However, many can do regular or limited jobs and we see no harm in well . . . allowing them to be a part of furnishing their very existence. Our thought is that if we were the one needing the help there would be a feeling of being worthwhile with any job, from sweeping the floor to reprogramming the computers.

We sadly write about the apparent suicide of a recent Auburn graduate who spent a delightful summer in Elba, as part of the University's Living Democracy program. Twenty-four year old Maranda (or Randy) Whitten was a bubbly and very likable person. She disappeared on a kayaking trip. Her body was later found in the Georgia lake and the sheriff said it appeared to be a suicide. Her participation in activities in Elba that summer left a mark on the community and the folks she worked with, including the Giving Garden and a group of Elba High School students in the Interact Club, Pea River Outdoors along with other Restoration 154 projects. This is another case of the majority of us being completely unaware of what is going on in the mind of those around us. While many of us are extremely happy, others are fighting demons, but masking it with their positive influence on those around them. Some of the latter, like this vibrant young lady, lose the battle.

The Elba Schools are registering an increase in enrollment from this time last year. After years of our economic downturn and corresponding population loss, things may be looking up for the schools – and the community.

We are not surprised that the company offering the plans for making those untraceable 3D guns is still offering them, in spite of court rulings banning the plans being offered "on line". The Texas man was quoted this week voicing the opinion that selling them is not a violation of the judge's ruling that he could not offer them online. Ironically that is probably true, but still we don't think it is the right thing to do for the 'good' of society.

### Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning

timeframe of Aug. 20th-26th.

**MONDAY, AUG. 20** – Officer out with the School Resource Office to meet with a student that allegedly made threats to a teacher (9:41 a.m.); Disabled vehicle reported in a ditch at 1691 Claxton Ave. (2:17 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, AUG. 21** – Officers assist citizen with locked vehicle at the post office (7:39 a.m.); Report of a suspicious person on

Taylor Mill Rd. (9:09 a.m.); Report of a tree down on County Road 239 at County Road 249 blocking both lanes of traffic (4:58 p.m.); Elba Officers assist Coffee County Deputy on County Rd. 342 at Hwy. 87 in reference to suspicion of drug use (6:41 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22** – Suspicious persons reported at the boat landing (7:12 a.m.); Elba Officers assist US Marshal's and Alabama Narcotics officers on Caroline St in reference to a warrant for unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (7:33 a.m.); Suicide reported on County Rd. 427 (10:32 a.m.); Assault reported on Hickman Ave (1:09 p.m.); Harassing communications reported on County Rd. 249 (7:09 p.m.); Suspicious activity reported in Morrow Trailer Park (9:02 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, AUG. 23** – Report of a suspicious vehicle at Kennedy Estates – subject arrested for being intoxicated (3:06 a.m.); Officer helped motorist with vehicle that had run out of gas on Newton St (7:20 a.m.); Suspicious subject reported in area of Martin Luther King and Farris streets (11:09 a.m.); Report of shots fired on Jackson Ave (12:42 p.m.); Report of a female subject lying beside road near 5347 County Rd 364 (5:44 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, AUG. 26** – Routine activity.

Elba Officers assisted Coffee County Deputies with a call of several male subjects behind a trailer on County Rd 503 (10:11 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, AUG. 25** – Complaint of suspicious activity on Hwy 87 (5:10 a.m.); Report of power line down on Hwy 203 near old flea market – pole appeared to be broken and power company contacted (3:20 p.m.); Complaint of unauthorized use of a credit card – report taken by officers (5:38 p.m.); Possible fight on Old Samson Road reported (7:30 p.m.); Officers met with a complainant at police department in reference to juveniles trying to fight another juvenile – report taken (11:18 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, AUG. 24** – Report of a suspicious vehicle at Edgewood Dr (11:19 a.m.); Reckless driver reported in Shiloh area (12:42 p.m.); Suspicious person reported one mile from school (5:43 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, AUG. 25** – Report of a suspicious vehicle at Edgewood Dr (11:19 a.m.); Reckless driver reported in Shiloh area (12:42 p.m.); Suspicious person reported one mile from school (5:43 p.m.).

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**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29** – Report of a suspicious vehicle at Edgewood Dr (11:19 a.m.); Reckless driver reported in Shiloh area (12:42 p.m.); Suspicious person reported one mile from school (5:43 p.m.).

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# Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly at [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

## FRANCES JACOBS

Mrs. Frances Jacobs, age 87, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Aug. 27, 2018, at Medical Center Enterprise.



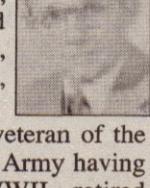
Funeral services will be held Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home beginning at 11 a.m., with her nephew Cory Wise officiating. Burial will follow in the New Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Thursday from 10-11 a.m.

Mrs. Jacobs was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Jacobs, an infant son, along with her parents Lura Bryan Ennis and John Willie "Bill" Ennis, and a brother, Wayne Ennis.

Survivors include her daughters: Rhonda Stephens (Daniel), and June Grantham (Scott Jernigan), all of Elba; son: Richie Jacobs (Mike Donnelly), New Orleans, La.; five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren; her sisters: Glenda Shoaf and Maerine Wise, both of Thomasville, Ga.; and a brother: Milford Ennis, Dothan, Ala.

## JOE FRANK WOOTEN

Mr. Joe Frank Wooten, age 92, of Lakeland, Fla., born on March 20, 1926 in Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2018.



He was a veteran of the United States Army having served in WWII, retired maintenance with Agrico, and most recently worked upfront at the Oakbridge Square Publix Super Market in Lakeland.

A funeral service was held Aug. 20, 2018 at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Road 39, Plant City, Fla. Committal with military honors followed at Springhead Cemetery, Lakeland.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Almeda Wooten; parents, James and Mary Wooten; and six siblings.

Survivors include his daughter: Glenda Jo Fitzgerald (Charles), Lakeland; siblings: Ruth Davis, Ashburn, Ga., Huey Wooten (Sue),

## DA

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nities with a servant's heart. We don't fight for convictions. We want to seek the truth, and our goal is to achieve justice. We hope that our work makes this state a safer and better place to live."

Anderson was first elected district attorney for the 12th Judicial Circuit (Coffee and Pike counties) in 2010. Prior to that, he served as an assistant district attorney in the circuit for nearly seven years. He was raised in Enterprise and graduated from Enterprise High School. He earned his undergraduate degree from Birmingham-Southern College and his law degree from the University of Alabama School of Law.

"Tom brings a wealth of experience to the position, and he has a strong track record of service to the community," said ADAA Executive Director Barry Matson. "Not only has he prosecuted thousands of felony cases, Tom also has served in various capacities in both professional and community organizations, including the Alabama Sentencing Commission, the Pike Regional Child Advocacy Center and the Wiregrass Angel House."

The Alabama District Attorneys Association's membership includes the district attorneys of all 42 judicial circuits, the state attorney general and the director of the Alabama Securities Commission.

Georgetown, Ga., and Agnes Hartley of Lithia; along with many nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

## MICHAEL TOWNSEND

Mr. Michael Townsend, age 36, of Enterprise, Ala., died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018, at the result of a car accident.

Funeral services were held Aug. 25, 2018 at Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing. Michael Isaac Townsend was born on Wednesday, October 7, 1981 to Diane Townsend and the late Doug Hobdy in Enterprise.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Lonnie and Ellon Dot Johnson, great-grandparents, Robert and Alice Hobdy and Waxie Lee and Fannie Dell Townsend along with Rufus and Nettie Bishop Townsend.

Survivors include his mother: Diane Dozier; son: Jayden Makel Blackmon; paternal grandparents: Linda and Fred Brown; five sisters: Angela Townsend, Dalqiesh Townsend, Ellon Dot Townsend, Stephanie Wilson, and Patricia Dozier; four brothers: Lonnie (Shelia) Townsend, Marvin (Meagan) Townsend, Merlin (Mayrene) Townsend, and Patrick (LaTasha) Dozier; special friend, Chandra Miller, along with numerous of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

In accordance with his wishes, no formal services will be held.

## OUIDA M. SWAIN

Mrs. Ouida M. Swain, age 92, of Titus, Ala., formerly of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018, at her daughter's home.

Graveside services were held Aug. 25, 2018 from the Zion Chapel Cemetery with Rev. Michael Woodham officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba in charge or arrangements.

Survivors include her daughter: Jo Ann Stewart, Titus; son-in-law: Joe Bozeman, Montgomery, Ala.; grandsons: Jeffery Stewart, Titus; Brian (Cristen) Bozeman, Montgomery; granddaughter: Kimberly Starke, Montgomery; and five great-grandchildren.

## LARRY BRUCE SMART

Mr. Larry Bruce Smart, age 65, died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla.

In accordance with his wishes, no formal services will be held.

# PROJECT

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rushed throughout the city submerging buildings they see standing each day under water.

"I believe that an understanding of these tragedies will give our students a greater appreciation for their hometown and the motto - Elba is Able. I also believe that students will better understand the advancement in technology of the most recent rebuilding of the levee and an understanding of the engineering behind it," Moore said. "For the future, I believe that relationships will be born between the interviewees and the interviewees and this will be beneficial to students in our rural community."

Through this Bicentennial project, Moore said she believes the Elba students will become knowledgeable of the rich history of Alabama, more specifically, the place they call home. "We would love to hear from residents from each of the different floods," Moore said.

Anyone interested in being interviewed for this project to share his/her story, is asked to call Elba High School at 897-2266 to reserve a time on Wednesday, Oct. 10, to come and be interviewed in

the Elba High library. Please bring any pictures, footage, belongings, etc. that are significant from surviving the flood.

Interviewees will receive a free ticket to the community banquet.

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# LIFESTYLES



Elba icon Boyd Murphree turned 100 years old last Saturday. Both his daughters were home to help him and many of his friends celebrate the special occasion.

The long time business owner and civic leader retired from his furniture business several years ago. His civic endeavors included serving on the Elba City Council.

Pictured above with Murphree are daughters Janet Hill (left) and Susan Ray.

Held in conjunction with Jack Day

Registration underway for Sunflower Queen Pageant planned for Sept. 9th

In conjunction with the 15th Annual Jack Day Community Festival, Altrusa International of Jack is sponsoring a "Sunflower Queen" Pageant.

This pageant will be Sunday, Sept. 9, at 2 p.m. in the Zion Chapel High School Auditorium.

Age divisions are: Baby Miss (0-23 Months), Tiny Miss (2-3 Years), Little Miss (4-6 Years), Petite Miss (7-9 Years), Junior Miss (10-12 Years), Teen Miss (13-15 Years), and Sunflower Queen (16-18 Years). All contestants will be required to wear pageant dresses. No heirloom dresses. Makeup is allowed in all categories.

The required fee is \$25 for all age divisions.

Optional categories (not included in entry fee): Photogenic \$5 (no larger than 8x10, color or b/w, must provide own photo); Prettiest Hair \$5; Prettiest Eyes \$5; Prettiest Dress \$5; Prettiest Smile \$5; or enter ALL optional categories for \$20.

Deadline to turn in the form is the day of the pageant. This pageant is not limited to Zion Chapel students. Anyone in the surrounding areas may participate.

For any questions, contact Jennifer Gatlin (334.372.5817) or Britley Parker (334.300.6974). Forms may be turned in to Courtney Jinright or Sharon Stinson at Zion Chapel School or Jan Prescott at Jack in the Box Daycare.

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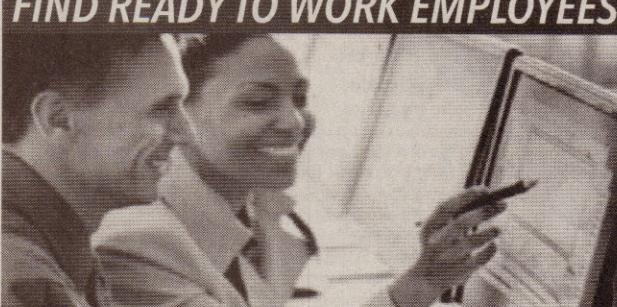
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County Conservation board meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 13th

Coffee County Conservation District will be holding its monthly board meeting Thursday, Sept. 13, at 10 a.m.

The board will be meeting at 1155 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala.

**Two upcoming events promoted by Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C.**

The Brewton District COGIC will host The 2018 Women's Conference At Harris Temple COGIC in Elba from September 4-6.

Services will begin at 7 p.m. nightly. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Brewton District YWCC will host the 2018 Superintendent's Ball on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 3 p.m.

This formal event will be held at the Train Depot in Opp, AL. The cost for the tickets is \$35 for singles and \$50 for couples.

**The Elba Clipper will be closed Monday, Sept. 3rd.**



**Pictured from left to right:** Charlotte Anderson, hostess; Christine Bowden, grandmother of the bride; Shelia Brown, mother of the bride; Callie Jade Brown, bride-elect; Heather Lawless, mother of the groom; Diane Macon, grandmother of the groom; Jean Spurlin, grandmother of the groom; Courtney McCrummen, sister of the groom; and (front) Ollie Mae McCrummen, niece of the groom.

## Callie Jade Brown honored with bridal shower

On Sunday afternoon, July 29, 2018, the Newbia Baptist Church fellowship hall was the setting for a bridal shower honoring Callie Jade Brown, bride-elect of Joe Parrish.

The bar was set with silver and crystal appointments and a gold runner. Lovely arrangements of miniature roses, hydrangeas, lavender, asparagus fern and baby's breath were used throughout the room.

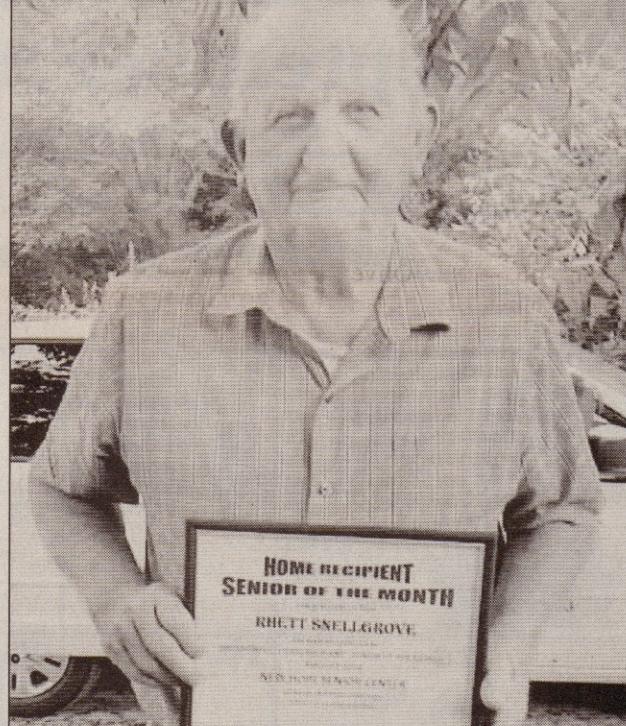
After registering their attendance in the bride's book, the guests enjoyed refreshments of cheesecake squares, chicken salad croissants, fresh fruit, cheese straws and punch.

The bride-elect looked lovely in a white dress featuring a lace bodice and sleeves and a pleated skirt. A corsage of miniature white roses completed her ensemble.

Guests enjoyed watching Callie open her many gifts. The hostesses presented the honoree with a set of Pioneer Woman cookware.

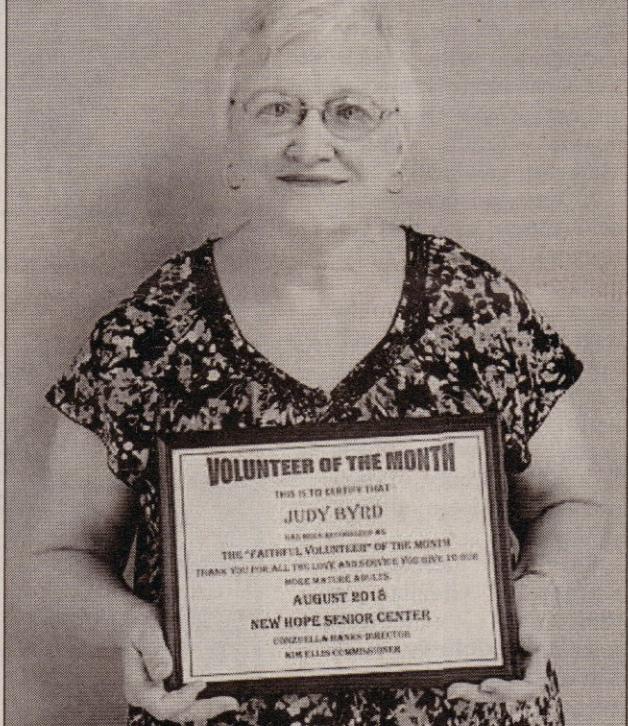
Hostesses for the special occasion were: Charlotte Anderson, Dana Haley, Annsey Padgett, Kristen Stinson, Ashton Parker, Nelline Taylor, Donna Bowden, Carolyn Hudson, Cathy Nelson, Jan Wicker, Marianne Marler, Anita Grimes, Miriam McKnight, Rene Lambert, and Lynn Baker.

## NEW HOPE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER "HOME RECIPIENT OF THE MONTH"



Rhett Snellgrove is 78-years-young! He has been married to Karin for 54 years. They are the proud parents of two sons, Derek and David. They have three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Mr. Rhett is a member of Eanor Baptist Church. He was employed at Dorsey Trailers for 39 years until the plant closed. His hobbies include riding his golf cart, fishing, and lawn care. He has been a member of the New Hope Senior Center for three years. Congrats to Mr. Rhett Snellgrove on being selected the "Home Recipient of the Month" for August 2018!

## NEW HOPE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER "VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH"



Mrs. Judy Byrd has been married to Edward Roy Byrd for years. They are the proud parents of two sons, Eddie and Scott, and have two grandchildren. She is a member of New Hope Baptist Church where she serves as the pianist. Mrs. Judy retired from Enterprise Electronics Cooperation and Southern Industrial Electric. Her hobbies include crafts and gardening. She serves as a kitchen volunteer at the senior center. She has been a member of the New Hope Senior Center for some time. Congrats to Mrs. Judy Byrd on being selected the New Hope Senior Center's "Volunteer of the Month" for August 2018!

## Austin McWaters of Elba to participate in UA's Cooperative Education Program

University of Alabama student Austin McWaters of Elba, Ala. will participate in UA's Cooperative Education Program for fall 2018.

McWaters will be working at Mercedes Benz in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

In the Cooperative Education Program, more than 250 students alternate periods of full-time study with periods of full-time employment. This program offers work related to the

academic major or career interests of each student, experience that enhances the students' employment prospects after graduation.

While in school, students carry regular course schedules. While on co-op, they work with professionals in their fields who supervise their training and work. At work, co-op students earn competitive salaries and may receive benefit packages in addition to valuable job experience. Participants

maintain their full-time student status while at work and have priority registration.

## Vendor registration is open for 15th annual Jack Day Festival

Altrusa International of Jack, Alabama, a non-profit, community service organization, sponsors the Jack Day Community Festival each year on the campus of Zion Chapel Schools.

This year's event, set for Saturday, Sept. 15, is the 15th year for the Jack Day Festival.

The event is from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and will include arts and crafts, food, entertainment, children's activities and more.

Registration is open now for those wanting to rent vendor space for the festival. General booths (crafts, merchandise, non-profit/community) and Zion Chapel School Student Organizations (beta club, cheerleaders, FFA, SGA, band, etc., but not including concessions) are a 10'x10' space.

Food vendor booths (concessions, food trucks, and/or food trailers) are a 10'x20' space.

General booths are

allowed the sale of food and/or drink items, but must comply with the health guidelines of food vendors.

All proceeds from the Jack Day Community Festival will be used to benefit Zion Chapel Schools and the Jack Community.

General booth rental is \$30 in advance or \$40 day of festival; Zion Chapel School Organizations booth rental is \$20 in advance or \$30 day of festival; and food vendor booths are \$100 in advance. There also is a \$10 fee if electric hookup is needed.

For more information or to receive a vendor registration form, contact Britley Parker at (334) 300-6974 or mikebritkin@hotmail.com; or Jennifer Gatlin at (334) 372-5817 or jenniferdflowers@yahoo.com.

All checks should be made payable to Altrusa International of Jack. General booths are

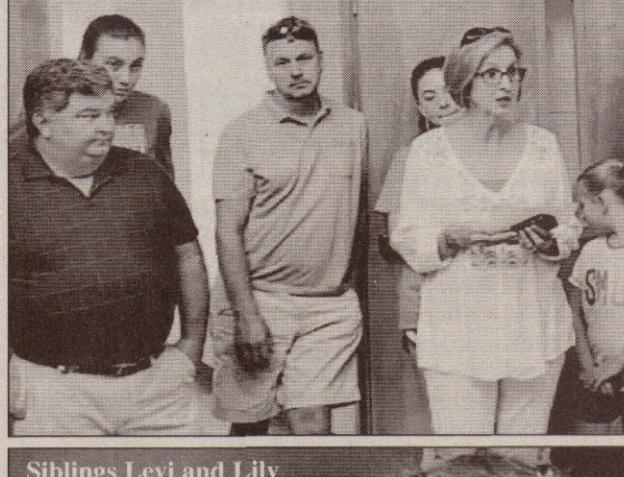
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# CHURCH NEWS

A few scenes from the Coffee County Prayerwalk...



Siblings Levi and Lily Daniels pray for all who enter the Elba High School auditorium.



**Top Left:** Joan Ward welcomes everyone to the PrayerWalk at Elba High.  
**Above:** Elba High Principal Wynn Grimes thanked everyone for their prayers for the schools.



**Above:** A large crowd gathered outside of Kinston Schools for the Coffee County PrayerWalk last Sunday afternoon.  
**Right:** A small group is shown praying together at the flagpole at Kinston Schools.



Nellie Johnson and Ashley Brunson attend the prayer walk at Elba High School.



## PASTOR'S CORNER

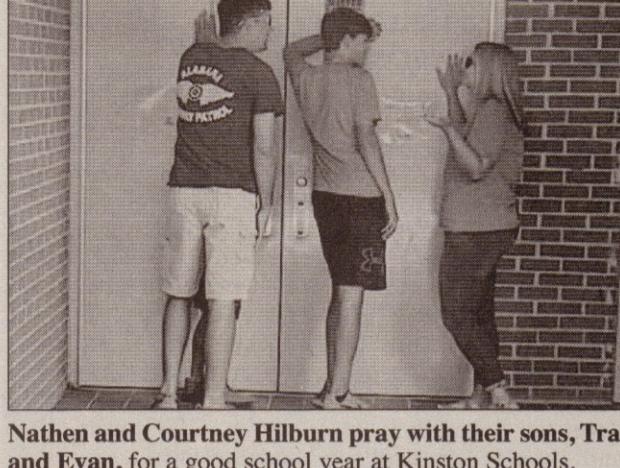
**Pastor Michael Woodham**  
ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

### POLITICAL CORRECTNESS FOR KIDS

- Your bedroom isn't cluttered; it's "passage-restrictive."
- Kids don't get in trouble anymore. They merely hit "social speed bumps."
- A student isn't lazy. He's "energetically declined."
- You're not having a bad hair day; you're suffering from "rebellious follicle syndrome."
- You're not shy. You're "conversationally selective."
- You don't talk a lot. You're just "abundantly verbal."
- Your homework isn't missing; it's just having an "out-of-notebook experience."
- You're not sleeping in class; you're "rationing consciousness."
- You don't have smelly gym socks; you have "odor-repellent athletic footwear."
- You weren't passing notes in class. You were "participating in the discreet exchange of penned meditations."
- You're not being sent to the principal's office. You're "going on a mandatory field trip to the administrative building."

1 John 1:8 talks about politically correct sin. The only problem is that we cannot measure our sins to the sins of others or how good we think or might be. Romans tells us all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Finishing reading 1 John 1:9 to 2:2.

Jesus Christ can cleanse us from all our sin (John 3:16). Instead of making up politically correct jargon for your sin why not confess them, ask Jesus to forgive you and trust and begin to live for Him today.



Nathon and Courtney Hilburn pray with their sons, Trae and Evan, for a good school year at Kinston Schools.

### Area revival underway at Mt. Olive Baptist Church on Tuesday nights

Mt. Olive Baptist Church began its annual area revival Aug. 28th and it is set for each Tuesday night through Oct. 2nd. The services will be at 7 p.m. each Tuesday night at Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

The remaining schedule and lead church for each evening is as follows:

Sept. 4th - Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Rev. Olan Strickland

Sept. 11th - Newbia Baptist Church, Rev. Will Jordan

Sept. 18th - Friendship Holiness Church, Rev. Edward Drake

Sept. 25th - New Ebenezer Baptist Church,

Rev. Randall Pearson

Oct. 2nd - Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church,

Rev. Lloyd D. Snellgrove

Mt. Olive Baptist Church is located at 7980 Hwy. 141 in the Pine Level Community of Coffee County. Everyone is invited to attend these Tuesday night revival services.

### PASTOR NEEDED

Praise & Glory Worship Center, 419 S John St., New Brockton, is looking

for a Pastor. If you are looking for a church and would like to apply, contact Janet Berry at 334-282-2277.

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**August Birthdays / Anniversaries**

**Scripture:** Praising the Lord in His house at night [Psalm 134: 1-3]

### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Kathleen Johnson Harris, De-Nard / Lavonne Brooks, Mamie Belcher, Sick and Shut-In, Connie Williams Banks, Joshua Kelley, Lydia M. Kelley, Lavonne Brooks, Joe Rudolph, Min. Robert Edwards

Q: God to Moses to appoint one man from each tribe of Israel to search the land of Canaan.

A: The answer is True [read Numbers 13: 2]

Q: And they returned from searching of the land after 125 days.

A: The answer is False. They returned after 40 days [read Numbers 13: 25]

### Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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### Question for the Week of 8-30-18

#### Use Your Concordance

Q: Name the four settings in which the Israelites were commanded to teach their children God's Word...

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

### AA~NA MEETING

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## Church Directory

### EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

**Timothy Williams, Pastor**

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH**

**Steve Watson, Pastor**

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Dale Morgan-Pastor**

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

**EATON BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Mark Ward, Pastor**

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Sam Self, Pastor**

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BETHHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor**

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH**

**H.L. Buckner-Pastor**

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Tom Senn, Pastor**

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH**

**Robert Davis, Pastor**

Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST**

**Rev. Remonia Smith**

Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH**

**Larry Mills-Pastor**

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH**

**Lovell Martin, Pastor**

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

**Phillip Box, Minister**

Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Rev. Michael Lawler Pastor**

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA 1st BAPTIST**

**Michael Woodham, Pastor**

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE**

**Allen Richards, Pastor**

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

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8/9,16,23,30-chg**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS****ANNUAL HOT ASPHALT PLANT MIX****BID****COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

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Binder Layer on a primed

or existing asphalt roadway

surfaces; Placing Bituminous "G" Treatment and Machine Grading Shoulders.

The contract period shall be

for 12 months with an

option to issue a second

and third 12 month contract

under the same pricing,

terms and conditions.

A certified check or bid

bond payable to the Coffee

County Commission for an

amount of 5% of bid (maximum - \$10,000) must

accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

Specifications and

Proposals may be obtained

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Engineer's Office, 1165 East

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The bidder's proposal must

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The right to reject any or all

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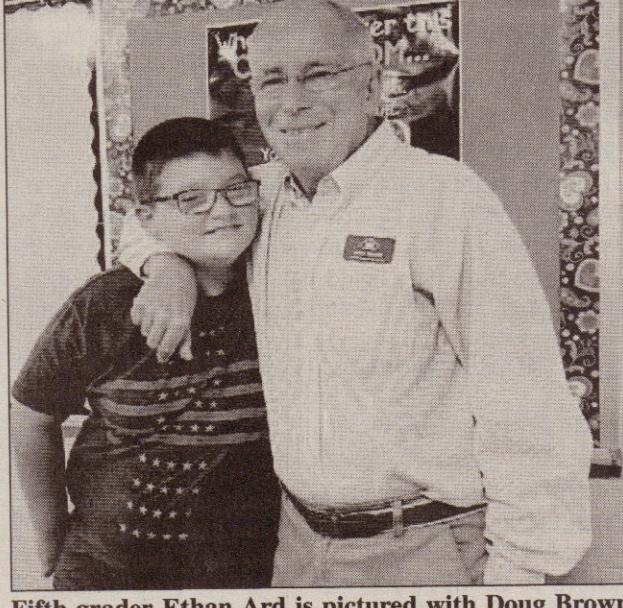
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# SCHOOLS



Angie Davis, sponsor



Fifth grader Ethan Ard is pictured with Doug Brown, regional Stride representative, who congratulated Ethan on his amazing accomplishment on behalf of the Stride program.

## Ethan Ard recognized as Zion Chapel's 'top' Stride Program student for 2017-18

by Jan Moore

Ethan Ard, a fifth grade student at Zion Chapel, was named ZC's Top Stride Student for the 2017-2018 school year during an awards ceremony last spring.

Stride is a computer-based program which allows students to practice academic skills while earning points redeemable for play in a video game atmosphere. The program

can be accessed during the school day, after school, and at home.

Ethan's outstanding performance last year enabled him to acquire 137,397,748 points, which is the largest point total ever achieved by a Zion Chapel student. It is also a record for the Stride program!

Zion Chapel Schools is very proud of Ethan's accomplishments and everyone looks forward to what this year will bring.

## ZC High School dresses for success

Contributor Kim Braisted

Almost a decade ago, former ZC Principal Bob Hartwell instituted a program he named "Dress for Success".

Once per month, students dressed professionally and attended informative, inspirational, and engaging assemblies with topics that built character and taught students the importance of dressing as professionals and making good impressions.

The school is excited to announce that based on student suggestions, "Dress for Success" is back!

The first Dress for Success Assembly is planned for Sept. 27th and will honor those students

who passed their AP exams last May. The next assembly will be during Homecoming week, Thursday, Oct. 18, and will feature alumni speakers. Both assemblies will start at 8:45 a.m.

The school does not want to put a financial burden on parents, so, the school is currently collecting NEW and SLIGHTLY USED dress clothes for students in need. Items needed include: men's/boy's ties, dress pants, shoes, shirts and women's Sunday dresses, shoes, slacks, blouses. Donations may be dropped off at the main office or sent with a ZC student to give to Mrs. Braisted or Assistant Principal Parker before Sept. 12th.

## CHLOE'S CORNER

by Chloe Meadows

### Welcome back Rebels!

It's that time of the year again. Whether that statement makes you giddy with anticipation and excitement or groan with agitation, we all have the opportunity to have a great year!

Let's embrace this school year with optimism and a positive outlook.

Many children around the world do not have the same privileges as us, which includes an education. Although you may not be fond of school, thousands of children around the world wish they could attend a school like ours. With that being said, be thankful for your school, your teachers, your administration, your lunch ladies, your janitors, and most importantly your education!

This year, let's reach out. Reach out to other students, reach out in your community, and reach out in your world.

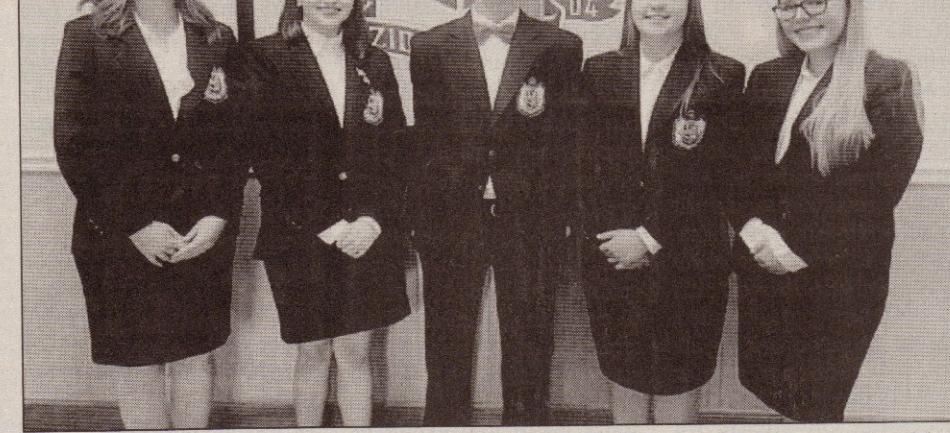
During the first of the school year, we receive many new students. Moving to a new school is not easy, so reach out to them and welcome them to Zion! Let's reach out in our community and help others without having to be

prompted.

No matter where you end up as an adult, the community you came from as a child will always stick with you, so make it a good one! However, do not just limit yourself to your school or community.

Although young, we can also make a difference in this world. So be kind to others, never give up, believe in yourself, and always be humble.

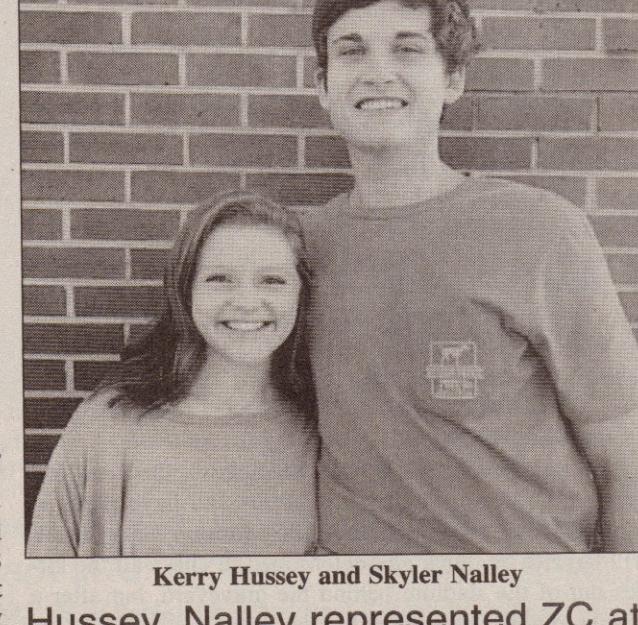
Consider these thoughts as we dive into this school year. Good luck Rebels!



2018-2019 ZCHS SGA OFFICERS are (left to right): Kerry Hussey, President; Savannah Parker, Vice President; Stetson Adcock, Secretary; Brianna Davis, Treasurer; and Chloe Meadows, Reporter



ZION CHAPEL FFA OFFICERS are pictured above with the Alabama FFA State President Summer Parker of the Enterprise Chapter. The students are pictured in front of the agricultural mural painted by ZC Art Teacher, Kasey Vinson. Pictured Left to Right: Drew Mack, Parliamentarian; Kalyn Martin, Sentinel; Makenna Faulk, Treasurer; Abby Faulk, Secretary; Jarrett Senn, President; Summer Parker, FFA State President; Brayton Martin, Reporter; Halee Deal, Chaplain; Addie Killingsworth, Historian; Chloe Meadows, Vice President; Lexxie Childs, Assistant Secretary; and Foy Flowers, Officer at Large.



Hussey, Nalley represented ZC at Girls' and Boys' State this summer

Contributor  
Savannah Parker

While many students were taking a break this summer, Skyler Nalley and Kerry Hussey were taking Boys' and Girls' State by storm.

Sponsored by the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary, Nalley and Hussey spent time at the University of Alabama participating in rigorous political debates and civic discussions. Their busy

week consisted of campaigning for mock office, listening to keynote speakers, discussing laws, tackling complex issues, and of course forging new friendships.

After returning to school for her senior year, Hussey expressed the notion that Girls' State was "a wonderful opportunity to make connections and friendships, and opened her eyes to new horizons in political pursuits," Nalley noted similar sentiments.

## Zion Chapel students selected for Alabama Student Voices Team

Contributor Kim Braisted

Zion Chapel students Skyler Nalley, Brianna Davis, Chloe Meadows, and Nate Braisted were all selected by A+ Education Partnership to be founding members of Alabama's first Student Voices Team.

The main goal of this group is to help encourage Alabama students to become more civically engaged leaders and mentors among their peers.

"We want to encourage Alabama students to get out there and serve their communities!" said Brianna Davis.

The team attended its first meeting Aug. 1st at the Dave Matthews Center for Civic Life on the campus of the American Village in Montevallo, Ala. Students met with Thomas Rains,

A+ Vice President of Operations and Policy, and Adam Muhendorf, President of Longleaf Strategies, to learn the essentials of policy and law making in our state. They also met with Dr. Cynthia



ZC students attend their first Student Voices Team meeting

McCarty, Vice Chair for the AL State Board of Education, in order to better understand how to become an effective leader in Alabama Education.

"We are excited for the opportunity to work closely with state officials and speak up for students across the state," said Nate Braisted.

The team is currently raising money for a trip to the National Conference on Citizenship in Washington,

D.C. in October. The team was invited by NCOC to serve on a panel alongside students from the DC area to discuss their perspectives on student challenges and solutions to them.

"This is a great honor for us and Alabama to speak at this national conference," said Skyler Nalley.

"I am really excited to go, represent our state, and learn as much as I can."

## Vendor Registration Open!

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**Elba Chamber Member of the Week**  
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# SPORTS

## Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

**Our young grandson Lawson got in the spirit last week** as he attended the 'Meet the Tigers' event on Thursday night and then on Friday night went and watched the Tigers post a preseason win over Wicksburg. I'm not sure how many road games the future Tiger will make it to, but there is no doubt his favorite colors are already black and gold.

### For what it is worth....

\*\*\* **The Elba Tigers let every single player in pads get in the action Friday night** as they rolled to a big 35-21 win over Wicksburg, in preseason action. The Elba varsity played the opening two quarters and looked good on both offense and defense in rolling to a 21-7 halftime advantage. Richmon Singletary opened the game with a 52-yard touchdown run to set the tone for the Tiger offense, while in the passing game Byron Johnson hit on two td tosses of 33 yards to a pair of receivers that both made outstanding catches. The defense more than held its own against the big and powerful Panther offense as it limited Wicksburg to 58 yards of total offense and only one touchdown, which came after a pass interception. Elba's younger players got in on the action in the second half, and while the Tigers got pushed around a little by the Wicksburg at times, they held their own for the most part and scored once on both offense and defense to preserve the victory. I know Elba probably kept its offense and defense vanilla in an attempt to hide some things from the Opp coaches that were in attendance, but the Tigers impressed me on both sides of the ball, and if they can improve every time they take the field could have a very good team as they enter region play.

\*\*\* **A couple of area teams hit the field last week** in preseason play, while New Brockton opened regular season with an unexpected lopsided loss.

**The Gamecocks traveled to Dothan** to challenge 3A Providence Christian and came out on the short end of a 35-10 final score. The Gamecocks were expected to field one of their best teams ever thanks to the addition of a couple of players from Enterprise, but simply ran into a buzz saw and made some key mistakes that gave Providence two scores and put the game out of reach early. Now that the players and coaches at New Brockton have a game under their belts look for a much improved team to hit the field this week when they host their home opener.

**Zion Chapel hosted 3A Houston Academy** and was simply outmanned as the Rebels lost a preseason game. The Rebels scored late to give their fans something to cheer about, but for the most part were just playing a better team. Despite the loss, look for the Rebels to be a much better team this week now that they have gained valuable experience that can only be learned against a real opponent.

**Brantley took a trip up to Highland Home** for its annual cross-county clash against the Flying Squadron and escaped with a 19-17 win. The Bulldogs kept it very simple in the game as they adapt to changes made by their new head coach. So, the Bulldogs fans don't need to get upset and will just have to be patient as the team settles in to its new systems and the coaches get settled on a lineup.

\*\*\* **The regular season opened for a number of schools all across the state** in what the AHSAA calls 'Week Zero,' and as always there were more than a few surprises in early-season action. In games that drew local attention,

\* **Enterprise made it look easy** with a big 44-21 win over Dothan and pumped new life into the Wildcat fans that suffered through last year's 2-win season. The Wildcats have some very winnable games on the schedule early and need to get off to a fast start if the 'Cats are to be true contenders this season.

\* **Georgiana hosted Mobile small school power St. Luke's** and was anything but a good host as the Panthers rolled to a big 47-24 win. The Panthers were expected to struggle against the former 2A power, but showed the visitors that life in the 1A ranks may not be as easy as they may have expected.

\* **Andalusia made the long trip down to Saraland** to battle the 6A power and left hurting in more ways than one after taking a 41-3 whipping. The 4A Bulldogs have advanced to the state semifinals the last two years and will be playing in a new multi-million dollar stadium this season, but found out first hand that life in 6A circles is just a little bit faster than back in the 4A ranks.

\* **Straughn continued its struggles** in a 43-0 loss to Headland. The Tigers were convinced that a good off-season would pay dividends this season after last year's one-win debacle, but the Tigers got roughed up by an average 4A opponent and have to be wondering just what lies ahead for the once proud program.

\* **Eufaula was embarrassed** 28-3 by Early County in the debut of former Elba coach Ed Rigby and the word is that the wolves are already howling over the Tigers change to their new double-wing offense. It was thought that Coach Rigby would leave the double wing in Elba after moving to the 6A ranks, but he stuck with the less than exciting attack and after only one loss may already be on the hot seat.

\* **Floralia lit up the scoreboard** in a 51-9 romp over St. Michael's, a first year team from down near the Gulf Coast, and the Wildcats and their fans are all excited about what they believe will be a banner season. The Wildcats have made a rapid recovery after a couple of down seasons, but there is still a lot of football to be played and one win is simply that, one win.

\* **In closing....** the season literally opened with a bang up in Montgomery as the Carver-Jeff Davis game was stopped just seconds into the fourth quarter after gunshots went off outside the stadium. The shooting happened near a walkway on the west side of the stadium on the campus of Alabama State University with Carver leading 19-3, and it was wild to see videos on social media that showed the players running off the field and the fans heading to the exits. One person was killed and two more injured at a shooting outside a high school stadium in Jacksonville, Florida, and the attack occurred just yards away from metal detectors that all fans must walk through. It is bad when fans have to worry about the action both on and off the field!

\* **Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator** dropped by the office over the weekend and stated he was pleasantly surprised about how the Elba Tigers looked in their preseason game against 3A Wicksburg. He bragged on both the offense and defense, and even laughed that it may have been the first time in a decade that two extra-point kickers were successful in the same game. He wasn't as thrilled that he hit on only 10 of his 15 opening week picks, but declared he will get better as the season rolls along and left this week's fearless forecast. Here goes....

### ELBA VS. OPP

The Pea River felines will head down the four-lane hunting a litter of short-tailed kitties and have plans to chase the kitties out of the City of Opportunity. The felines will have to be quick and determined to chase all the kitties out of the stadium behind the graveyard, but after a couple of hours should get the job done.

### ELBA 26 OPP 21

### NEW BROCKTON VS. BRANTLEY

The roosters from over near the bypass lost more than just a few feathers last week during a trip over near the

Circle City, and are glad that this week they will get to rest their wings and stay at home. A batch of Bulldogs from over in Crenshaw County will be hungry when they arrive and hope to enjoy 'all you can eat' chicken wings. However, the guess here is that the homefield advantage will make the difference and spoil the Bulldogs dinner plans.

### NEW BROCKTON 17 BRANTLEY 13

### KINSTON VS. SAMSON

The Bulldogs from down near the county line have invited a litter of kitties from just across the river to a party late Friday afternoon and are looking forward to chasing the kitties all around the yard. The Bulldogs have been working hard and will never give up the chase, but the guess here is that the kitties may be a little too elusive.

### SAMSON 27 KINSTON 20

### ZION CHAPEL VS. RED LEVEL

The troops from up at Fort Jack will send a patrol to the woods of Covington County this weekend hunting fur for the upcoming winter. The troops may be a little tired after the long march, but should have their guns loaded and should head back to the fort with enough furs to keep everyone warm.

### ZION CHAPEL 20 RED LEVEL 18

### OTHER PICKS:

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Carver 29 Greenville 27  
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Carroll 41 Russell Co. 7  
Northview 28 Wetumpka 27  
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### Tigers travel to Opp

## Everybody is in action this week as high school football season kicks off statewide

The high school football season will kick off Friday night for four area teams as Elba, Kinston, Zion Chapel and Brantley all look to open their seasons with a win, while New Brockton looks to bounce back following a tough opening loss on the road.

Following are previews of this week's action:

### Elba at Opp

The Elba Tigers will travel to Opp's Channel-Lee Stadium on Friday night as they tangle with the Opp Bobcats in the 83rd renewal of the long gridiron series.

Elba has won 9 of the last 13 games in the series, including a 30-18 win a year ago, but has split the last four contests and trails the overall series with a 38-44 record.

The Tigers won a total of 53 games and made two trips to the state championship game as a 2A power over the past five years, but this season will be competing in Class 1A, while the Bobcats stumbled to a 4-6 record last season after rolling to 26 total wins the previous three seasons.

"Opp has got a really good football team and is very well coached, and we expect a four-quarter battle Friday night," said Elba's Coach Pate Harrison. "The Opp coaches were at the game last week and will no doubt put in a plan to stop what we want to do on offense and have a few wrinkles to take advantage of some things they saw us do on defense. We have watched the tape of the spring game and basically think we know something about their base sets and their personnel. However, there will be things they do on both sides of the ball that we aren't ready for and we will have to make adjustments on the fly to be successful. On offense we will need to be able to move the chains and not depend on big plays to get

into the endzone. It is exciting to watch long runs and long pass completions for touchdowns, but three ten-yard completions count just as much as one completion for thirty yards, and our goal will be to find the open receiver and complete the pass.

We feel good about our running game and believe we can have success running the ball, but need to find out what it is like to grind it out. I was a little disappointed in our conditioning last week and thought our tanks reached empty too quickly. So, that too will be a challenge this week against a big and physical opponent. Our defense will need to get to the ball and make plays to stop Opp. We expect Opp to use multiple formations and get the ball in the hands of their playmakers, and we will have to adjust and not give up any big plays that could lead to easy scores.

We all now we have a real battle ahead of us this week and are looking forward to the challenge to learn more about our team."

"We did some good things and some not so good things last week in the preseason game against Wicksburg," continued Harrison. "I felt like the line held its own on both sides of the ball against a physical opponent and really played hard, and even though we had a couple of turnovers, the offense got after it and more than held its own. We will work on eliminating the turnovers, getting the right players in the game at the right time, and being physical up front. It was a good game because at the end we had

more points on the scoreboard than our opponent, we didn't get anyone hurt and everyone got the chance to play. It was a good start, but it was just a start, and we have a long way to go and a lot of improvements to make if we hope to be a winning football team."

### Samson at Kinston

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to open the season with a bang Friday night when they host the Samson Tigers, at Bulldog Stadium.

The meeting will be the 37th all-time in the rivalry, with Samson holding a solid 30-6 edge in wins and having won last season 28-25.

Kinston will enter the season under the direction of its third different head coach in the last three seasons, while Samson will enter the game with an 0-1 record after a loss last week to Geneva County 41-33 in the debut of new head coach Jason Wambles, a former head coach at Kinston. The Tigers have averaged six wins per season in the last three years and have advanced to the playoffs in five of the last six years.

### Zion Chapel at Red Level

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be on the road Friday night when they travel to Red Level for a season opening showdown against the Red Level Tigers.

The game will be only the third all-time between the two teams, and while the series is tied at 1-1, the Rebels won the last contest 35-29 back in 2011.

Zion Chapel won two of its final three games to close out the 2017 season, but have won a total of only nine games over the past five years, while Red Level has suffered through three winless seasons over the past six years and last season allowed over 45 points per game in posting an 0-10 record.

### Brantley at New Brockton

The Brantley Bulldogs will be on the road Friday night when they travel across Coffee County to tangle with the New Brockton Gamecocks.

The meeting will be only the third all-time in the series, with the Gamecocks



PATE HARRISON

directs traffic along the sidelines in preseason action.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

winning both previous contests, including a 28-0 win in the last meeting way back in 1987.

Brantley has posted a 15-9 record the last two seasons after winning a total of 58 games the previous five seasons, while New Brockton will enter the game with an 0-1 record after a 35-10 loss to Providence Christian in its season opener a week ago.

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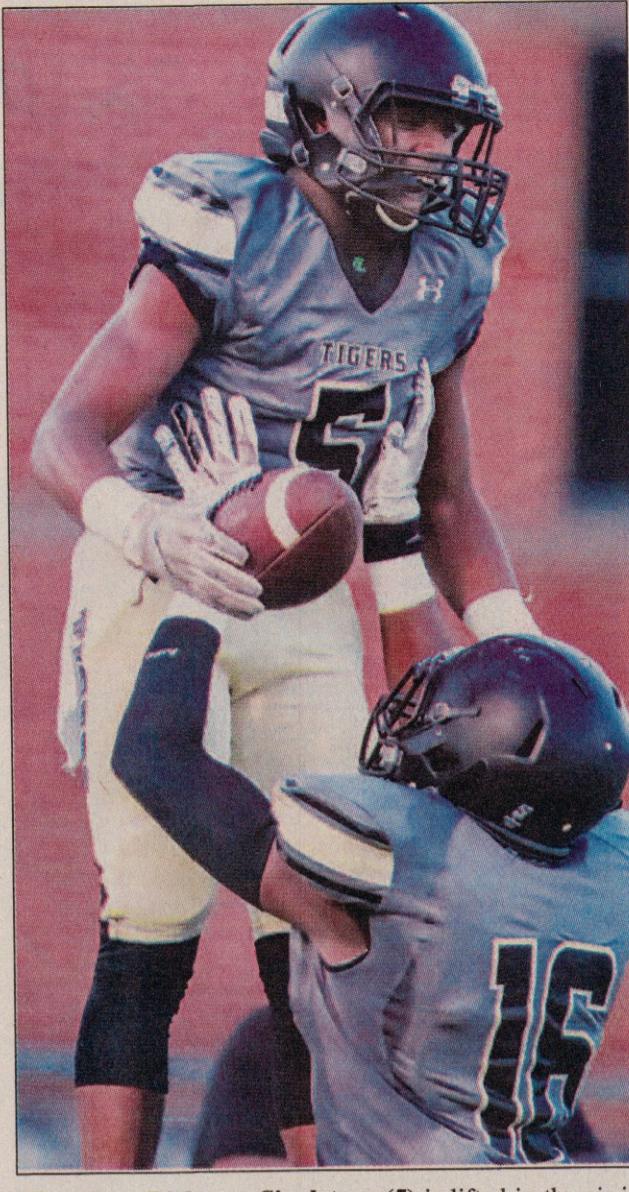
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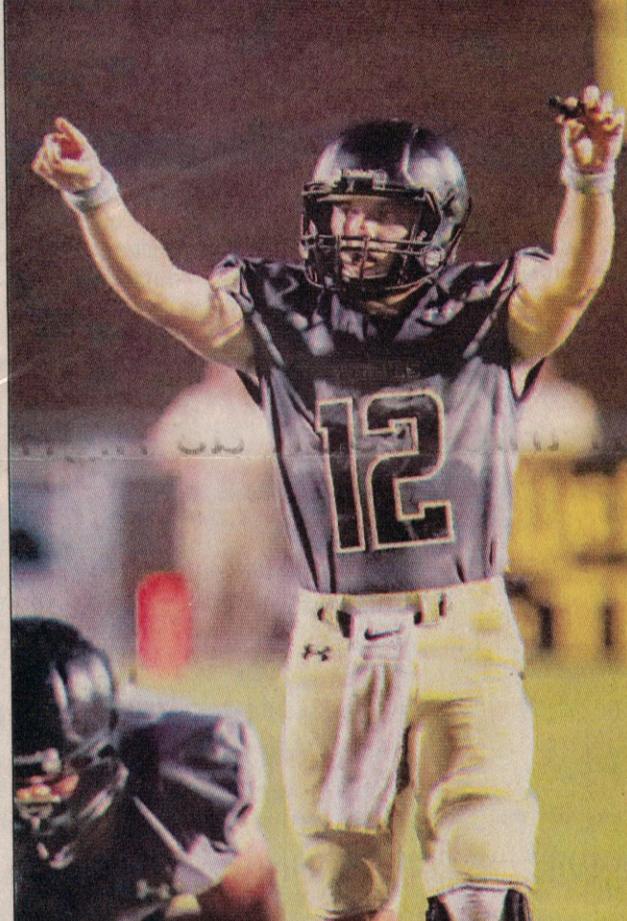
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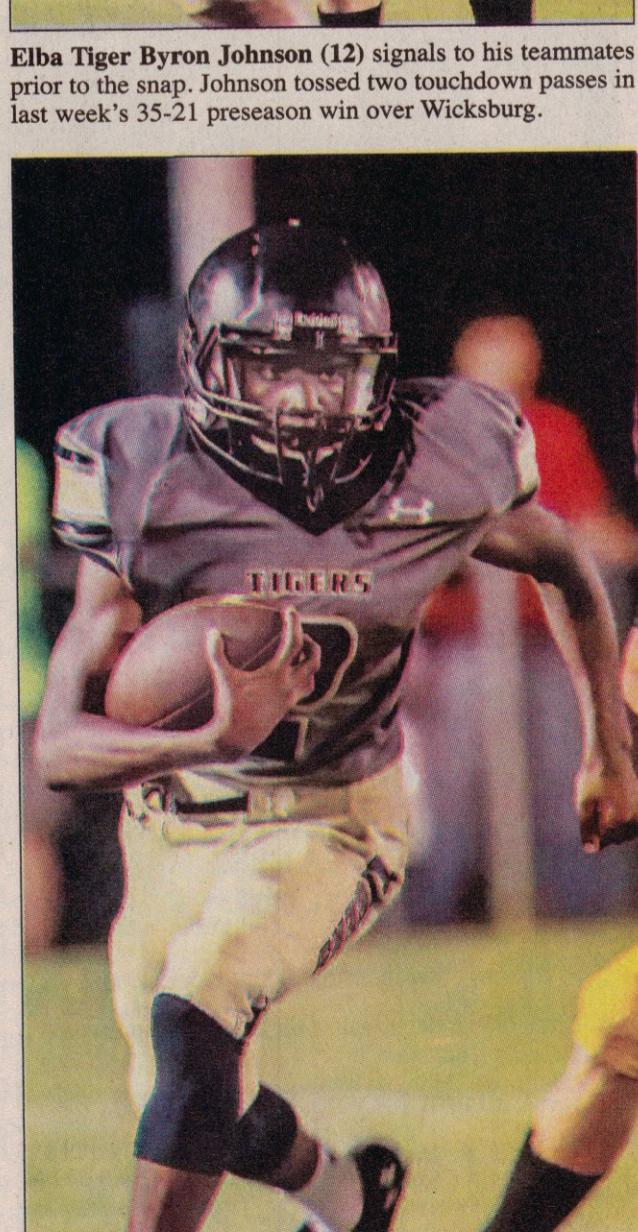
# SPORTS



Elba Tiger Richmon Singletary (5) is lifted in the air in celebration by Tiger teammate Alex Wright (16) after Singletary scored a touchdown on a 52-yard run on the first play from scrimmage in last week's preseason win over Wicksburg.



Elba Tiger Byron Johnson (12) signals to his teammates prior to the snap. Johnson tossed two touchdown passes in last week's 35-21 preseason win over Wicksburg.



Elba Tiger Byron Burks (2) eyes an opening and takes off in action last week in the Tigers 35-21 preseason win over Wicksburg.



Elba Tiger linebacker Dezmin Roberson (19) levels Wicksburg quarterback to force a turnover in last week's 35-21 win over the Panthers. The Tigers will open the regular season Friday night when they travel to Opp to battle the Opp Bobcats in the 83rd renewal of the football rivalry.

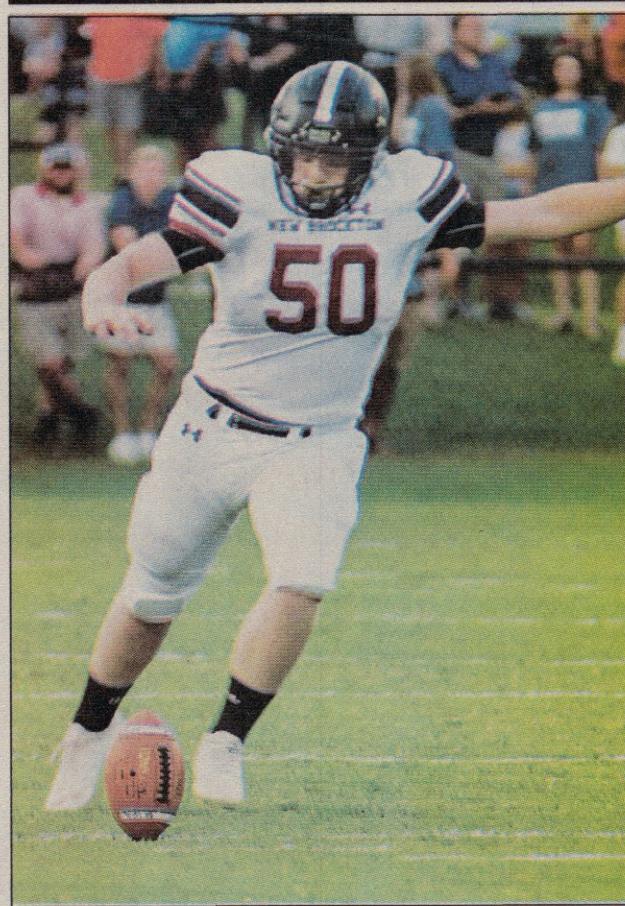
## In preseason action

### **Big plays lift Tigers past Panthers 35-21**

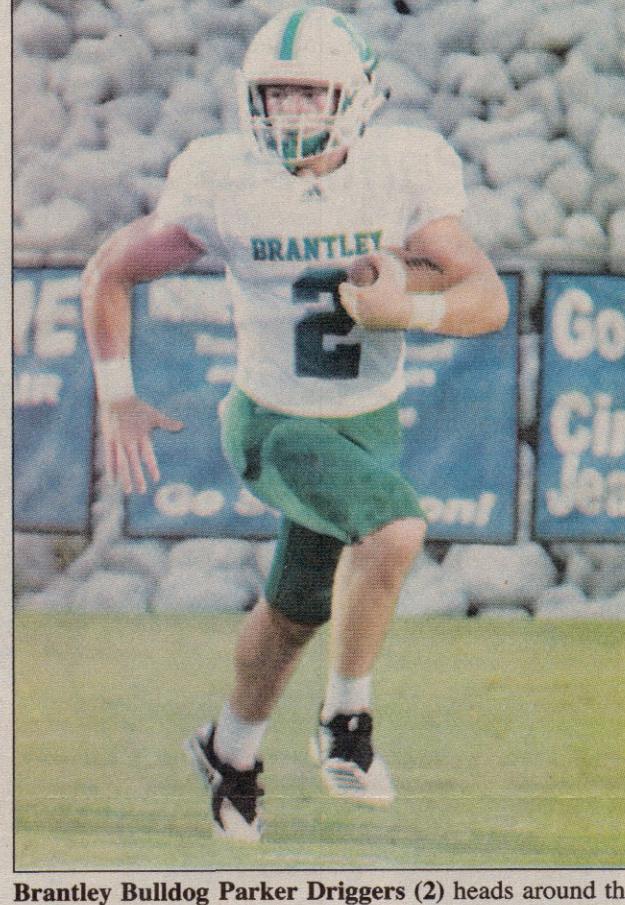
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Photos by Mike Capps, Colby Capps

# SPORTS



New Brockton Gamecock Brandon McCoy (50) kicks off the season for the Gamecocks last week against Providence Christian.



Brantley Bulldog Parker Driggers (2) heads around the end for a big gain in last week's 19-17 win over Highland Home, in pre-season action. The Bulldogs will open the regular season this week on the road against the New Brockton Gamecocks.

(Photo by Cindy Watkins Jordan)



Brantley Bulldog Tucker Kilcrease (12) drops off a short pass to Morrell Edwards (18) in action at last week's pre-season clash against Highland Home. The Bulldogs posted a 19-17 win in preparation for this week's season opener against New Brockton.

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## In season opener Gamecocks caged by Raiders 35-10

By Greg Brunson  
Photos by Janet Brunson

The New Brockton Gamecocks traveled to Dothan Friday night to open the 2018 football season against the Providence Christian Eagles and watched the Eagles soar out to a 35-3 halftime lead before the Gamecocks battled back in the second half to make the final score 35-10.

Providence Christian took the opening kickoff and marched 65 yards in eight plays to get on the scoreboard. Collins McClintock kept the ball up the middle for the final five yards and the Eagle touchdown, and David Warren kicked the extra point to give the Eagles a 7-0 lead with 8:35 remaining in the first quarter.

New Brockton moved the chains on a 23-yard scamper by Colton Marsh on its initial possession of the game, but the drive stalled and Providence Christian regained possession on its own 33-yardline following a Gamecock punt.

This time the Eagles marched 67 yards in eight plays to extend their early lead. Isaac Gordon took a handoff up the middle, broke left and went 14 yards for the touchdown, and Warren added the extra point to put the Eagles up 14-0 with 2:46 left in the quarter.

New Brockton put some points on its side of the scoreboard on its ensuing possession as the Gamecocks used seven plays to move down the field. A 36-yard pass from Kayden Cupp to Colton Marsh for a key play in the drive, which was capped off by a 26-yard field goal by Brandon McCoy with 11:51 left in the second quarter that cut the deficit to 14-3.

The Gamecock score failed to impact the Eagle offense; however, as Providence Christian took the ensuing kickoff and went 80 yards in eight plays to regain command. Isaac Gordon scored the Eagle touchdown on a 35-yard dash around the right end, and Warren added the extra point to put the Eagles up 21-3 with 8:15 left in the quarter.

New Brockton received the second half kickoff and went right down the field being the strong arm of Kayden Cupp. The 16-play drive went from the 20 to the 20 and included eight pass completions by Cupp for 63 yards before stalling.

Brik Scofield recovered an Eagle fumble at the Providence Christian 37-yardline to set the Gamecocks up in scoring territory and the Gamecocks promptly marched to the Eagle 10, only to once again come away without points.

A short punt by the Eagles put the Gamecocks right back in business at the Providence Christian 25-yardline, but New Brockton again failed to cash in the scoring opportunity as a pass interception by the Eagles' David Warren in the endzone killed the scoring threat.

New Brockton took over at the Providence Christian 36-yardline late in the game and six plays later finally reached the endzone when Cupp spotted Colton Marsh alone in the corner of the

and Warren was true on the conversion attempt as the Eagles extended their lead to 21-3 with 8:15 left in the quarter.

The Providence Christian defense scored some points of its own on New Brockton's next play from scrimmage when Jackson Colley picked off a Gamecock pass and returned the interception 45 yards for a touchdown. Warren nailed his fourth extra point of the half, and with 7:58 remaining in the second quarter the Eagles lead had grown to 28-3.

New Brockton put the ball in play at its own 33-yardline following an exchange of punt and saw lightning strike again as on the first play of the possession the Eagles' Will Solomon stepped in front of a Gamecock receiver for an interception and raced 30 yards for another 'pick six.' Warren remained perfect with the extra point, and with 1:25 remaining in the half Providence Christian was in complete control with a stunning 35-3 lead.

New Brockton received the second half kickoff and went right down the field being the strong arm of Kayden Cupp. The 16-play drive went from the 20 to the 20 and included eight pass completions by Cupp for 63 yards before stalling.

Brik Scofield recovered an Eagle fumble at the Providence Christian 37-yardline to set the Gamecocks up in scoring territory and the Gamecocks promptly marched to the Eagle 10, only to once again come away without points.

A short punt by the Eagles put the Gamecocks right back in business at the Providence Christian 25-yardline, but New Brockton again failed to cash in the scoring opportunity as a pass interception by the Eagles' David Warren in the endzone killed the scoring threat.

New Brockton took over at the Providence Christian 36-yardline late in the game and six plays later finally reached the endzone when Cupp spotted Colton Marsh alone in the corner of the



New Brockton Gamecock Kayden Cupp (18) looks for a receiver as he rolls out to avoid pressure in last week's season opener against Providence Christian.

endzone and fired a 4-yard TD toss. Marsh had catches of 11 and 19 yards during the scoring march, and Brandon McCoy booted the extra point with 10-seconds left on the clock as the Gamecocks fell on the road 35-10.

Kayden Cupp sparked the New Brockton offense with 20 completions in 30 pass attempts for 195 yards. Colton Marsh pulled in

seven passes for 101 yards and one touchdown, while Kaden Hood had six catches for 20 yards and Drew Simon rushed for 29 yards on seven carries.

Isaac Gordon paced Providence Christian with 123 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries and J. Wilson Benton with 69 yards rushing on eight attempts.

### The yardstick....

NB	PC
13	13
13-55	44-227
193	10
248	237
22-35-4	1-1-0
0	1
11-72	3-40
38	75
2-40	4-17

## Elba JV Tigers open season with win over Providence Christian

The Elba Junior Varsity Tigers opened their 2018 season Monday night, Aug. 27, at home hosting the Providence Christian JV Eagles from Dothan.

The JV Tigers had a big night claiming a 30-6 win to open the season on an exciting note.

The Tigers took an early lead in the first quarter on a 30+ yards touchdown pass. The two-point conversion was good, and Elba led at the end of the first quarter 8-0.

That remained the score at the half, which was extended due to a weather delay.

The Tigers extended

their lead in the third quarter on a 43-yard touchdown run. Elba appeared to make the two-point conversion, but the officials called it no good due to a penalty.

However, with 5:04 left in the third quarter, Elba led 14-0.

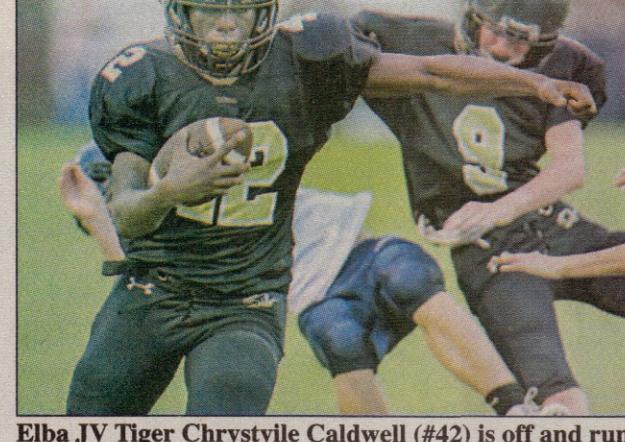
With 1:09 left in the third, Elba scored on a touchdown pass. The two-point conversion was good and the Tigers extended the lead to 22-0.

The JV Eagles got on the scoreboard with 3:18 left in the game with a touchdown score. Their two-point try failed, but Elba's lead was cut to 22-6.

The hometown Tigers

scored one final time on a 63-yard touchdown run. After a successful two-point try, the Tiger led 30-6 with 1:47 left in the game.

The Elba JV Tigers travel to Pike County next week to take on the JV Bulldogs on Tuesday, Sept. 4th. Game time is 6 p.m.



Elba JV Tiger Chrystyle Caldwell (#42) is off and running after a great block by teammate. photo by Colby Capps

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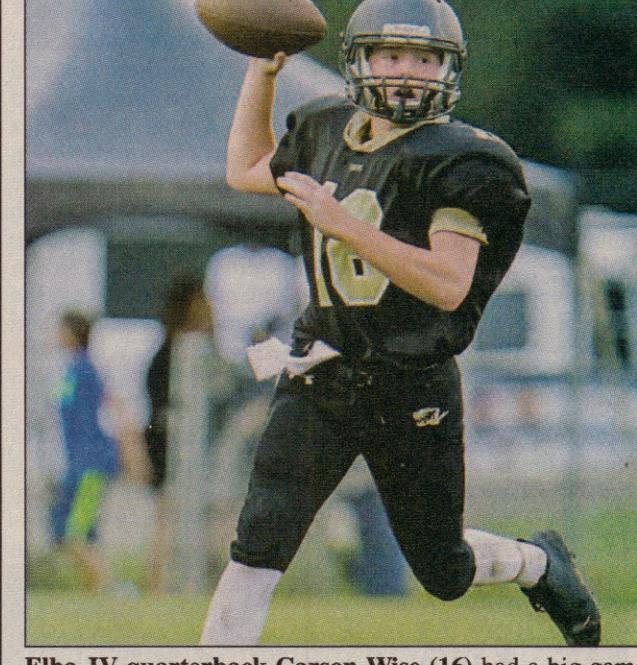
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Elba JV quarterback Carson Wise (16) had a big game Monday night in the Tigers season opener. Wise threw for two touchdown scores and led the Tigers in two other successful scoring drives.

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